



ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

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THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY HAS AWARDED A GRANT TO THE ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ENHANCE DUI / IMPAIRED DRIVING TRIAL ADVOCACY TRAINING

The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety ("GOHS") has awarded a \$45,150.00 grant to the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") to enhance DUI and Impaired Driving Trial Advocacy training and education statewide.

APAAC is composed of twenty-six (26) Council members, including the Attorney General, the fifteen elected county attorneys, eight chief municipal prosecutors, a representative of the Administrative Office of the Arizona Supreme Court, and the dean of one of the state's law schools. Since the 1970's, APAAC has sought to provide training for the state, county, and municipal prosecutors, through the development of programs and services. The Council actively advocates on behalf of these Ministers of Justice who work to preserve public safety, serve victims, and achieve justice for all. APAAC is a key resource for collaborating with its prosecutorial counterparts nationwide and coordinating joint training efforts. APAAC receives no state general fund revenues and depends on a continuing appropriation through the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund to provide the necessary training and education of public prosecutors. APAAC's training courses were attended by 5,945 people last year and provided over 282 continuing legal education hours to its community of prosecutors.

With over 27% of the 981 vehicular fatalities on Arizona roads in 2019 attributable to alcohol-impaired drivers, GOHS recognizes that impaired driving due to alcohol and drugs is a chronic problem that endangers public safety. With the \$45,150.00 grant received from GOHS, APAAC will present two multi-day courses for Advanced DUI Trial Advocacy and for Drug-Impaired Driver Trial Advocacy. These courses are dedicated to training approximately 50 Arizona prosecutors on the best practices and latest technology available to effectively prosecute DUI offenses and impaired driving related crimes to keep our communities and roads safer. APAAC is grateful for the opportunity to continue to partner with GOHS and advance the mission of empowering prosecutors through training and advocacy to serve as Ministers of Justice.